

WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR

1970

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORT OF THE

ENGINEER SURVEYOR & PUBLIC
HEALTH INSPECTOR

WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Department

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health

DR. L.G.POOLE, M.B.,Ch.B.,D.P.H.,D.T.M. & H.

Local Health Office,
Baron's Close,
Fakenham.
Tel: Fakenham 2751

Engineer and Surveyor, Chief Public Health Inspector

G.H. SMITH, M.I.P.H.E.,M.R.S.H.,M.A.P.H.I.

Council Offices,
Baron's Hall,
Fakenham.
Tel: Fakenham 2285

Additional Public Health Inspector and Deputy Surveyor

L.H. DOUGHTY, M.R.S.H.,M.A.P.H.I.,Cert.S.I.B.

Additional Public Health Inspectors

D.S. BROOKS, M.A.P.H.I.
R. LOUGHRAN, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk

D.L. APPLETON

WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Committee

1970 - 71

Chairman	-	Mr. W.M. Makins
Vice-Chairman	-	Mr. R.C. Broughton
Members	-	Mr. E.E. Artherton
	-	Mr. J.R.W. Drewell
	-	Mr. W.E.R. Eales
	-	Mr. A.E. Flood
	-	Mrs. J.M. Gosselin
	-	Mrs. A.R. Green
	-	Mr. H. Hagon
	-	Mr. J.A. Linton
	-	Mr. J.N. Stone
	-	Mr. J.N. Waddingham
Ex-Officio	-	Mr. G.S. Allen (Chairman of the Council)
	-	Mr. R.C. Sayer (Vice-Chairman of the Council)

WALSINGHAM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for
the year ended 31st December, 1970

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report for 1970.

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population was 18,230, which is a decrease of 490 on the previous year. Births numbered 258. Deaths totalled 198. A natural increase of 60. Cancer and diseases of the heart and the circulatory systems were the main causes of death. 87 of the 198 deaths occurred in people 75 years and over. 177 of the total deaths occurred in persons 55 years and over.

The District Council ceased to operate the agency agreement with the North West Norfolk Water Board on the first of April 1970, and the officers of the board became responsible for the supply of water in the whole of the Council's area.

Immunisation against German measles was offered by the County Council to girls in their thirteenth year. Immunisation took place in the secondary schools in the Rural District. The immunisation of pre-school and school children against measles continued during the year. Supplies of vaccine were adequate.

I should like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and the staff of the Public Health Department and the Local Health Office for their interest, support and help throughout the year.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

LESLIE G. POOLE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H.
Medical Officer of Health

S E C T I O N I

GENERAL STATISTICS

- (a) The Walsingham Rural District covers 88,818 acres and is divided into 39 parishes.
- (b) The estimated Mid-Year Home Population for the District for 1970 was 18,230. This was 490 less than in 1969.

Table showing estimated population for the last 10 years

Year	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Estimated Mid-Year Population	22830	22390	20410	19550	19680	19190	19360	19060	18720	18230

There were 198 deaths and 258 live births registered, showing a natural increase of births over deaths of 60.

- (c) The Rateable Value of the District was £ 569,833.
- (d) The Product of Penny Rate was £2,222.

VITAL STATISTICS - 1970

Births :-

The Registrar General's figures for live and still births in the District were 258 and 3 respectively.

A table showing legitimate and illegitimate live births for past 5 years :-

			1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Legitimate	Males		145	148	140	135	117
	Females		152	149	137	129	127
	Total		297	297	277	264	244
Illegitimate	Males		10	7	12	10	8
	Females		3	6	11	9	6
	Total		13	13	23	19	14
Total Live Births			310	310	300	283	258

Live Birth Rate

The crude birth rate was 14.2 per 1,000 population. The corrected birth rate (using a comparability factor of 1.01) was 14.3 per 1,000 population. The birth rates for England and Wales, and the Administrative County of Norfolk, were 16.0 per 1000 and 16.1 per 1000 respectively.

Illegitimate Births

The number of illegitimate live births was 14. The percentage of illegitimate live births to the total live births was 5.

Still Births

There were 3 stillbirths in 1970, giving a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 11. The rate for England and Wales was 13, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 13.

A table showing legitimate and illegitimate stillbirths for past 5 years :-

		1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Legitimate	Males	2	3	2	0	2
	Females	2	2	1	0	1
	Total	4	5	3	0	3
Illegitimate	Males	-	-	-	-	-
	Females	-	1	-	-	-
	Total	-	1	-	-	-
Total Stillbirths		4	6	3	-	3

Infant Deaths

Two infants under one year of age died in 1970.

Infant Mortality Rate

This is calculated as the total infant deaths under one year of age per 1,000 live births, and for 1970 was 8. The rate for England and Wales was 18, and for the Administrative County of Norfolk 15.

Legitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths in legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births, and for 1970 was 8.

Illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths in illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births, and for 1970 was zero.

Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths of infants under four weeks of age per 1,000 live births. Of the two deaths of infants under one year, both were in infants under four weeks. The rate for 1970 was 8.

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate

This is the number of deaths of infants under one week of age per 1,000 live births. Of the two deaths of infants under four weeks of age, both were under one week of age, giving a rate of 8.

Perinatal Mortality Rate

This is combined stillbirths and deaths under one week of age per 1,000 total live and stillbirths. The rate for 1970 was 19.

Maternal Mortality Rate

No deaths occurred in 1970, therefore the rate was zero.

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Live Births	310	310	300	283	258
Live Birth Rate - Crude	16.2	16.0	15.7	15.1	14.2
Live Birth Rate - Corrected	16.4	16.16	15.9	15.3	14.3
Illegitimate Live Birth Rate	4.2	4.2	7.7	7.	5.
Still Births	4	6	3	0	3
Still Birth Rate	12.7	18.9	9.9	0	11.
Total Live & Still Births	314	316	303	283	261
Infant Deaths	5	4	3	5	2
Infant Mortality Rate	16.1	12.9	10.0	18.	8.
Infant Mortality Rate - Legitimate	16.8	13.4	10.0	15.	8.
Infant Mortality Rate - Illegitimate	0	0	0	53.	0
Neonatal Mortality Rate	16.1	6.5	10.0	11.	8.
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate	16.1	6.5	6.7	11.	8.
Perinatal Mortality Rate	28.7	25.3	16.5	11.	19.
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Maternal Mortality Rate	0	0	0	0	0

Deaths

The total number of deaths at all ages in the District during 1970 was 198 (males 100: females 98).

Ischaemic Heart Disease, with 49 deaths, caused 25% of all deaths. Vascular lesions of the nervous system, with 26 deaths, equals 13.1% of all deaths.

If all deaths due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system (which includes vascular lesions of the nervous system) are totalled, a figure of 101 is attained, equal to 51% of all deaths in the District.

Cancer caused 53 deaths, giving a figure of 27%. Cancer of the lung and bronchus caused 15 deaths (males 12: females 3), or 28% of deaths from all types of cancer.

Three deaths were due to accidents, and one to suicide or self inflicted injuries.

Two deaths occurred in infants under one year.

Crude Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population	-	10.9
Corrected Death Rate (comparability factor 1.00)	-	10.9
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate	-	.93
Death Rate for the Administrative County of Norfolk	-	10.4
Death Rate for England and Wales	-	11.7

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Deaths	185	223	263	209	198
Death Rate - Crude	9.6	11.5	13.8	11.2	10.9
Death Rate - Corrected	9.9	11.73	13.1	10.8	10.9

Deaths from all causes

The Registrar General has recorded the following deaths tabled under the International Statistical Classifications of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death, 1966. Where headings are omitted from the table, there were no deaths due to these causes.

Cause of Death	Sex	All Ages	Under 4 wks	AGE IN YEARS						
				15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc.	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	M	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1
	F	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Larynx	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	M	12	-	-	-	-	2	7	2	1
	F	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	6	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	M	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
	F	10	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	5
Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Diabetes Mellitus	M	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	M	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	M	23	-	-	-	3	2	8	5	5
	F	26	-	-	-	-	1	1	8	16
Other Forms of Heart Disease	M	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	5
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	M	13	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	7
	F	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	11
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	1
	F	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5
Influenza	M	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	F	7	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4

/CONT'D.....

Deaths from all causes - cont'd.

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	Under 4 wks	AGE IN YEARS						
				15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
Bronchitis and Emphysema	M	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	M	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
	F	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcu- taneous Tissue	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diseases of Musculo- Skeletal System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Suicide and Self- Inflicted Injuries	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</u>	M	100	1	1	-	4	9	27	30	28
	F	98	1	-	1	1	3	7	28	57

SECTION II

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Two hundred cases of infectious diseases were notified during 1970.

Incidence of Infectious Diseases for past 5 years :-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Measles	93	397	176	25	198
Whooping Cough	14	29	1	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	1	1	1
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	6	1	4	-	-
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	1	-	7	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	3	1	2	-
Meningitis	-	-	-	2	-
Total	120	431	183	37	200

Measles

Measles, with 198 cases, formed the majority of the infectious diseases notified. The following table shows the distribution of the measles notifications, by age groups.

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Under 1 year	3	7	8	1	8
1 - year	9	23	14	1	18
2 - years	6	46	14	3	18
3 - years	10	44	27	1	35
4 - years	8	61	23	-	39
5 - 9 years	39	192	67	12	72
10 - 14 years	13	18	19	3	4
15 - 24 years	5	4	3	2	2
25 - years	-	2	1	2	2
Total	93	397	176	25	198

Measles Vaccination

Immunisation against measles is offered by the County Council.

A table showing measles immunisation by year of birth:-

	Walsingham R.D.
Born 1970	-
" 1969	37
" 1968	40
" 1967	18
" 1963 - 66	93
Others under age 16 years	12
Total	200

Rubella Immunisation

Immunisation against German Measles is offered by the County Council to girls who are in their fourteenth year of age. This immunisation has been introduced this year and is given at school. The girls immunised in the District numbered 90.

Tuberculosis

One new case of tuberculosis was reported.

Incidence of Tuberculosis for past 5 years :-

		1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>New Cases</u> :-	Pulmonary	1	-	1	1	1
	Non-Pulmonary	2	-	-	-	-
<u>Inward Transfers</u> :-	Pulmonary	1	-	-	-	1
	Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Numbers on Register</u> <u>at 31st December</u>	Pulmonary	41	40	37	25	27
	Non-Pulmonary	7	5	3	3	-
	Total	48	45	40	28	27

B.C.G. Vaccination

Immunisation against tuberculosis is offered by the County Council to boys and girls who are in their fourteenth year of age. The injection is given at school.

The following table gives more information by schools of B.C.G. vaccination in the District in 1970.

School	Tested	Read	Positive	Negative & Vaccinated
Fakenham Secondary Modern	107	98	5	93
Fakenham Grammar	59	56	2	54
Alderman Peel, Wells	89	75	4	71
Melton Constable Secondary Modern	46	45	1	44
Total	301	274	12	262

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of poliomyelitis in the District in 1970. Immunisation, by oral vaccine, is offered by the County Council.

The following table shows the number of persons immunised against poliomyelitis during 1970.

Age Groups	Walsingham R.D.
Children born in 1970	5
Children born in 1969	148
Children born in 1968	41
Children born in 1967	3
Children born 1963 - 1966	15
Others under age 16 years	7
Re-inforcing doses (all children under 16)	300
Total	519

The following table shows immunisation against poliomyelitis for the past five years :-

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>Initial Courses</u>					
Walsingham R.D.	289	301	250	135	219
<u>Re-inforcing</u>					
Walsingham R.D.	209	285	222	644	300

Smallpox

No cases of smallpox occurred in the District in 1970. Vaccination against smallpox is offered by the County Council as the administering Health authority, and is routinely offered to all children between the first and second birthdays. Re-vaccination is given on request.

The following table shows the number of vaccinations, by age groups, carried out in Walsingham Rural District in 1970.

				Walsingham R.D.	
				Primary	Re-Vacc.
0	-	3	months	-	-
3	-	6	"	-	-
6	-	9	"	1	-
9	-	12	"	2	-
	1		year	54	-
2	-	4	years	58	4
5	-	14	"	4	46
Total				119	50

The following table shows vaccination against smallpox, in the District, for the past five years :-

				1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
<u>Primary</u>								
0	-	3	months	1	2	-	-	-
3	-	6	"	4	6	1	1	-
6	-	9	"	2	8	6	-	1
9	-	12	"	9	13	4	3	2
	1		year	112	165	95	72	54
2	-	4	years	19	34	25	29	58
5	-	14	"	2	19	8	8	4
Total				149	247	139	113	119
Re-Vaccinations - Total				30	44	56	48	50

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus

There were no cases of diphtheria, whooping cough or tetanus notified in 1970.

The County Council is the health authority responsible for the organisation of immunisation against these three diseases.

The following table gives more information about immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus in the population, from birth to 16 years of age, in the District in 1970.

		Walsingham R.D.
Triple	Initial immunisation	200
	Booster injection	71
Diphtheria/Tetanus	Initial immunisation	10
	Booster injection	195
Diphtheria	Initial immunisation	-
	Booster injection	1
Tetanus	Initial immunisation	10
	Booster injection	140

The following table shows immunisation against these diseases, in the District, for the past five years :-

		1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Triple	Initial immunisation	239	280	227	131	200
	Booster injection	110	268	249	167	71
Diphtheria/ Tetanus	Initial immunisation	19	18	8	2	10
	Booster injection	243	208	157	365	195
Diphtheria	Initial immunisation	-	-	-	-	-
	Booster injection	15	2	-	4	1
Tetanus	Initial immunisation	25	4	4	5	10
	Booster injection	82	212	227	191	140

Contributed by the Engineer, Surveyor and Chief Public
Health Inspector

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS

Initial Inspections	128
Re-Visits	92

Housing Acts

House Inspections	101
Re-Visits in connection with above	24
Visits in connection with application for grants under Housing Act 1949	314
Visits re Slum Clearance	72

Premises Inspected	90
Visits re manufacture and sale of ice cream	7
Visits re Dairies and inspection of milk retailers vehicles	8
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection Visits	207
Visits re Shellfish	6
Diseases of Animals Act, Waste Foods Order	1
Inspections re complaints	42

Inspection of sewerage systems, disposal works and sewer ditches and Public Conveniences)	693
Contract (Sewerage) Visits		46
Closet Conversion Visits (Section 47,Public Health Act,1936)		119

Visiting Workmen on rounds, investigating complaints etc.	}	503
Refuse Tips		

Inspection of Factories with power	34
Inspection of Factories without power	2

Town and Country Planning Acts and Regulations 49

Cases investigated	13
--------------------	----

(15)

/Cont'd...

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS - Cont'd.1970Petroleum Acts

Installations inspected and tested	64
Other Visits	4

Small Dwellings Acquisition Act

Valuations and visits for purposes of loan	31
--	----

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 13Disposal of Abandoned Vehicles Regulations 57Knackers Yard

Inspections	8
-------------	---

Street Naming and Numbering Visits 4Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 54Animal Boarding Establishments 1Car Parks 33Water Supply

Existing Mains	93
----------------	----

Other Inspections

Not classified under headings above but made in connection therewith)	814
---	-----

Total Visits Made 5,579

NOTICES SERVED19701969Informal Notices

Public Health and Housing Acts	132	102
Food and Drugs Act	38	48
Factories Act	8	9
Building Regulations	210	193
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	6	3
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960	10	8
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	32	47
Petroleum Acts	16	33
Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958	3	-
Slaughterhouse of Animals Regulations, 1958	6	-
Meat (Sterilisation) Regulations 1969	2	-
Total Notices Served	463	443

NOTICES SERVED19701969Formal NoticesPublic Health Acts

Permission to serve	12	13
Served	12	12
Section 42 (Drainage reconnection) served	72	108
Section 47 (closet conversion) served	98	159

Housing Acts

Permission to serve	24	21
Served	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>

Total Notices Served

206300HOUSING(a) Slum Clearance

The following table sets out work done under this heading:-

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1969</u>
Houses <u>demolished</u> as a result of formal procedure	17	12
Number of unfit or defective houses rendered fit) during the period as a result of <u>informal</u> action) by the Council.	5	5
Number of houses made fit by owners as a result of) formal action)	4	7
Number of <u>demolition orders</u> made during the year	7	9
Number of <u>closing orders</u> made during the year	3	2

(b) New Dwellings

The following figures include conversions of non-domestic buildings to habitation :-

By private persons - 95 completed and 79 under construction at the end of the year.

By Local Authority - 21 completed and 141 under construction at the end of the year.

(c) Improvement Grants - Discretionary

Since improvement grants were introduced in 1949, the Council had authorised the following:-

Total Amount notified to rank for grant	For occupation by		Grant essential to preserve house and provide amenities	Grant to improve amenities only
	Owner	Tenant		
Jan - Dec.1969 £13,054.15s.	15	10	15	10
Total at Dec.1969 £182,239.3s.	194	346	143	381
Jan - Dec.1970 £54,204.	37	43	60	20
Total at Dec.1970 £236,443.3s.	231	389	203	401

(d) Improvement Grants - Standard

The following are the statistics of Standard Grants approved since 1959 when they were introduced.

Total amount notified to rank for grant		For occupation by:-	
		Owner	Tenant
Jan. to Dec. 1969	£ 17,502.4.3.	53	26
Total July, 1959 To Dec. 1969	£145,107.11.9.	424	280
Jan.to Dec. 1970	£ 18,645.7.0.	46	24

PLANS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL

No. of plans considered by Committee 1970 - 699

No. of plans considered in 1969 - 744

<u>New Dwellings</u>	<u>Alterations to dwellings</u>	<u>Factories</u>	<u>Domestic</u>	<u>Misc.</u>
206	138	5	60	114
<u>Outline Applications</u>				
143	2	3	1	27

Excellent co-operation between the office and Architects and builders continued, but some difficulty has been experienced with a minority of builders through failure to notify certain stages of building works at the proper time.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT - Action by Rodent Operators

Eight thousand six hundred and five inspections of properties were made, and seven hundred and forty treatments were given to premises found to be infested with rats and mice.

One hundred and seventy-one treatments of farm lands and premises were carried out.

FOOD

(a) Food Preparing Premises

Type of premises	No.of Premises	Complying with Regulation 16 (Washing facilities)	No.to which Regulation 19 applies (Provision of sink)	Complying with Regulation 19
Bakehouses	8	8	8	8
Butchers Shops	13	13	13	13
Catering Establishments	17	17	17	17
Fish Shops	4	4	4	4
Provision Stores	69	69	69	69

Market Foodstalls

The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 came into operation on 1st January, 1967.

There were fourteen foodstalls attending Fakenham Market. These were regularly visited and minor contraventions remedied without the need for formal action.

Sixteen samples of Ice Cream were taken, none of which were classified as unsatisfactory.

(b) Milk

One new distributor of milk was registered during the year.

Fifty-seven samples were taken by the County Council's Officers. All satisfied the phosphatase test for efficiency of heat treatment, and thirteen failed the methylene blue or cleanliness test.

One dairy in the district was the subject of a prosecution for supplying milk in dirty bottles which resulted in a fine.

(c) Meat Inspection

100% inspection of meat was achieved during the year.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned for the year 1970 (Figures in brackets are for 1969)

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Inspected	308 (462)	- (-)	311 (709)	628 (950)
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>				
Whole carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (1)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	57 (90)	- (-)	1 (16)	29 (51)
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis.	18%	-	0.3%	4%
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>				
Whole Carcasses condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	7 (33)
Percentage of the number in- spected affected with Tubercu- losis	-	-	-	1%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>				
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1 (4)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1 (1)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Generalised and totally con- demned	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)

FACTORIES

Factories Act 1961 Annual Report for 1970 under Section 153(1) of the Factories Act 1961

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occu- piers Prose- cuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authorities	4	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	91	34	3	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
Total	95	36	3	-

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred to H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	by H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-	-	-

3. Part VIII of the Act. Outworkers ... One.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

TABLE A REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of Premises Registered during the year	Total number of Registered premises at end of year	Number of Registered premises re- ceiving a general inspection during the year
Offices	5 (1)	43 (38)	9 (4)
Retail Shops	- (6)	94 (94)	34 (17)
Wholesale Shops &) Warehouses)	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (-)
Catering Establish-) ments open to the) public, canteens)	- (-)	9 (9)	9 (3)
Fuel Storage Depots	- (-)	1 (1)	1 (-)

(Figures in brackets relate to 1969)

TABLE B

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered
premises : 83 (31)

TABLE C - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORK-
PLACE

Class of Workplace	Number of Per- sons employed
Offices	207 (202)
Retail Shops	417 (428)
Wholesale departments, warehouses	13 (13)
Catering establishments open to the public	45 (42)
Canteens	8 (8)
Fuel Storage Depots	3 (3)
Total	693 (696)

Total males 298 (297)
Total females 395 (399)

TABLE D - EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemption under the Act were made during the year.

TABLE E - PROSECUTIONS

No prosecutions were made during the year.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work was commenced during the year on the Sculthorpe Sewerage Scheme which is scheduled for completion in 1971.

Work also started at Hindringham on the provisions of sewers which should also be completed in 1971 and which will discharge into the existing sewage disposal works at Langham.

Investigations commenced on the Field Dalling and Great Ryburgh schemes and detailed preparations were made for the scheme to serve Gt. and Lt. Snoring and Kettlestone which it is hoped will commence in 1971.

Preliminary negotiations took place with Mitford and Launditch R.D.C. with a view to Colkirk and Whissonsett being sewered to the Fakenham Sewage Disposal Works.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AREA

The Council decided to declare a general improvement area in Melton Constable. When the area is confirmed two separate issues will be undertaken. One which concerns the public health committee concerns the progressive improvement of the houses to modern standards and the other which is the province of the plans committee is a scheme for the general improvement of the village as a whole at a cost of about £20,000 for which a grant will be obtained from the Government.

SLUM CLEARANCE

For some years houses which have been condemned have been dealt with individually.

During 1970 primarily as a result of the installation of sewers at Briston a Clearance Area in three parts containing sixteen houses was declared.

WATER SAFETY - BLAKENEY AND MORSTON

A Committee was formed to consider the provision of equipment at Blakeney and Morston to improve the inshore rescue service.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A new tractor and trailer units were obtained for the maintenance of refuse tips and the disposal of sewage sludge.

WORK STUDY

A Consortium of Authorities was established to investigate the provision of Work Study and Bonus Schemes following a decision of the National Joint Council for Manual Workers.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Following the opening of the new car park at Queens Road, Fakenham, negotiations commenced for the acquisition of a small area of land near the Rampant Horse Inn for the provision of public conveniences.

CAR PARKING

New Car Parks were constructed behind Norwich Street at Fakenham and at Bridewell Street, Little Walsingham.

Investigations commenced into the possibility of the provision of a further car park at Hall Staithe, Fakenham.

TABLE OF RESULTS OF CHEMICAL ANALYSIS OF
WATER SUPPLIES 1970

Sources of Samples	Houghton St.Giles No.1 Bore	Houghton St.Giles New Bore	Lt.Snoring Public Supply	N.Creake Public Supply	Fakenham Well
Appearance	Clear	Clear	Clear with yellow deposit on standing	Slightly opalescent with yellow deposit on standing	Clear
Nature of Deposit	Nil	Nil	Iron Compounds	Iron Compounds	Nil
Colour	Nil	Nil	Nil	Faint yellow	Nil
Reaction	Neutral	Faintly Alkaline	Neutral	Neutral	Neutral
Taste	Satisfactory	Faint chloro-phenolic taste	Ferruginous	Satisfactory	Faintly chlorinous
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	Negligible Trace	0.01	0.01	0.02	Negligible Trace
Albuminous Nitrogen	0.02	0.02	Negligible Trace	0.01	0.01
Nitrate Nitrogen	6.0	8.0	Nil	0.5	12.0
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Chloride as Cl.	34	34	22	34	80
Permanganate Value	0.18	0.32	0.34	0.16	0.14
Total Hardness	340	340	290	300	450
Temporary Hardness	260	250	260	265	260
Metal in solution	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Opinion	Suitable for drinking and general purposes	Suitable for drinking and general purposes	Suitable for drinking and general purposes	Suitable for drinking and general purposes	Suitable for drinking and general purposes

84 Samples of water were taken from Wells for Bacteriological examination. Of these 17 were not satisfactory and advice was given to bring the water up to the required standard.

